MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) A high level Indian Delegation led by Steel and Mines Minister visited USSR in July 1988 and discussed with Soviet leaders, inter alia, various strategies for meeting the growing demand of steel in the country, including the plans for ensuring production of Bhilai Steel Plant at its rated capacity of 4 million tonnes and expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant from 4.00 MT to 4.5 MT, apart from discussing the need for timely supply of equipment for meeting the commissioning schedule of the Visakhapatnam Steel Project. As a result of these discussions, the perceptions of future course of action regarding these matters have become clearer. At present a Techno-Economic offer from Soviet Union for modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant is under consideration of Government of India.

Import of edible oil

2211. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the per centage of rise in the prices of edible oils in the international market since 1985-86 (till date);

(b) what is the progressive per centage of rise in the annual expenditure on the imports of edible oils as a result thereof;

(c) what is the quantity (with value) of the edible oils proposed to be imported by Government during the current year to meet the demand; and

(d) whether in view of the continuous rise in the cost of imports of edible oils, Government propose to import oilseeds instead of edible oils; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) The prices of edible oils imported and the annual expenditure on import of edible oils and the per centage rise thereof since the financial year 1985-86 are as under:—

Average Unit price of Edible Oils from 1985-86 to 1988-89

Financial year (April-March)	Average price of oil per MT (In Rupees)	Per centage increase over 85-86
1985-86	7121	..
1986-87	4029	(–) 43.42
1987-88	4800	(–) 32.59
1988-89 (upto June, 88)	5782	(–) 18.80

Total Value of imports for the period 1985-86 to 1988-89

Financial year (April-March)	Value in crores of Rupees	Per centage increase over 85-86
1985-86	768.78	..
1986-87	526.58	(–) 31.50
1987-88	921.70	19.89
1988-89 (upto June, 88)	238.24	Per centage increase cannot be computed before the completion of the current oil Year.

(c) The quantum of edible oils being imported is decided by the Government from time to time, keeping in view various factors such as the gap between demand and supply, international prices of edible oils, availability of foreign exchange and other related factors. 4.12 lakh MTs of edible oils valued at about Rs. 238.24 crores have been imported during the financial year 1988-89 (upto 30th June, 1988).

(d) No, Sir.

Circulation of Newspapers/Magazines

2212. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the English Newspaper having the largest circulation in India as on the 30th June, 1988;

(b) the name of the English News Magazine having the largest circulation in India as on the 30th June, 1988; and

(c) the name of the Hindi News Magazine having the largset circulation in India as on the 30th June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY, AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) As per the latest information available, the following newspaper/news magazines had the largest circulation as on 31-12-1986:—

'Times of India', English daily, Bombay;

'India Today', English fortnightly, Delhi; and

'Manohar Kahaniyan', Hindi Monthly, Allahabad.

Setting up of AIR Station in Meghalaya

2213. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIA. Will the Minister of INFORMATI AND BROADCASTING be please state:

(a) whether Government pro to set up any new AIR Station/D darshan Kendra in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARL MENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE M ISTER OF INFORMATION A BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below

ALL INDIA RADIO

(a) 2X10 KW MW Transmitt with Studios at Tura in replacem of existing interim set up;

(b) 50 KW SW Transmitter w Studios at Shillong; and

(c) Local Radio Station with 2 KW FM Transmitter, multi purp Studios, Receiving facilities and s quarters at Jowai.

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(a) High Power (10 KW) tra mitter with Studio facilities at T in replacement of existing Low Po Transmitter;

(b) High Power (1 KW) transm ter with Studio facilities at Shillo in replacement of existing L Power Transmitter; and

(c) 2X10 W Low Power Tra mitter at Nongstion.

Demand and Supply of Bread in Del

2214. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY Will the Minister of FOOD PROCE SING INDUSTRIES be pleased state:

(a) what is the estimated dema and supply of bread in Delhi: